

Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice

Statistical Information on

Girls in the Correctional System

Successful Youth, Strong Families, Safe Communities

Information presented in this statistical overview will examine female offenders at intake, probation, detention, juvenile correctional center (JCC) admissions, and recidivism in order to provide a comprehensive look at all points in the correctional system. Likewise, information will be presented on male offenders to provide a comparison between the two groups.

For females committed to the State, they are currently housed at Bon Air JCC after their initial assessment at the Reception and Diagnostic Center (RDC). Upon release from a JCC, residential placement options exist for both females and males, however, halfway house beds are currently only available for males.

Information on Non-Committed Juveniles

INTAKE CASES

Demographics	FY05		FY06		FY07	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Sex	31.2%	68.8%	30.7%	69.3%	30.9%	69.1%
Race						
Black	43.4%	46.5%	43.5%	47.1%	43.8%	46.3%
White	48.2%	46.5%	48.5%	45.2%	48.7%	45.5%
Other	8.4%	7.1%	7.9%	7.6%	7.5%	8.2%
Age						
8-12	6.4%	7.1%	5.5%	6.8%	5.1%	6.6%
13	9.1%	8.1%	8.6%	7.9%	8.0%	7.2%
14	15.0%	13.4%	14.5%	13.0%	14.2%	12.7%
15	20.8%	19.1%	21.2%	19.2%	20.0%	19.0%
16	24.1%	23.0%	24.4%	23.5%	24.7%	23.7%
17	21.9%	25.7%	23.0%	25.6%	25.1%	26.7%
18-20	1.8%	3.1%	1.7%	3.3%	1.8%	3.4%
Error/Missing	1.1%	0.6%	1.3%	0.7%	1.1%	0.8%
Total	20,291	44,837	20,051	45,318	19,715	44,112

- Between FY 2005 and FY 2007:
 - Intake cases for both females and males decreased less than 5%.
 - The profile of a “typical” female or male at intake remained consistent
 - Females were most likely to be white and 16-17 years old
 - Males were most likely to be black/white and 17 years old

Non-Committed Juveniles (cont.)

PROBATION PLACEMENTS*

Demographics	FY05		FY06		FY07	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Sex	26.5%	73.3%	25.4%	74.3%	24.6%	75.2%
Race						
Black	38.6%	43.6%	41.6%	45.8%	43.0%	43.0%
White	49.0%	47.4%	48.0%	43.8%	46.3%	46.6%
Other	12.5%	9.0%	10.4%	10.4%	10.6%	10.5%
Age						
8-12	4.6%	4.5%	2.9%	4.0%	2.7%	3.6%
13	8.6%	8.1%	9.3%	7.3%	6.7%	7.5%
14	15.8%	15.1%	13.3%	14.2%	14.4%	12.6%
15	22.5%	20.9%	23.1%	20.6%	22.9%	20.6%
16	25.0%	24.4%	25.8%	25.3%	25.0%	25.9%
17	20.9%	24.0%	23.5%	25.4%	25.7%	26.2%
18-20	2.6%	3.0%	2.0%	3.0%	2.6%	3.6%
20+	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
Total	1,774	4,907	1,641	4,796	1,494	4,569

*There were probation placements missing sex information that are not included in the table above (17 in FY 2005, 15 in FY 2006, and 13 in FY 2007)

- Between FY 2005 and FY 2007:
 - Probation Placements for females decreased 16% while male placements decreased 7%.
 - The profile of a “typical” female or male placed on probation remained consistent with both sexes most likely to be white and 16-17 years old.

DETENTION HOME PLACEMENTS

Demographics	FY05		FY06		FY07	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Sex	23.6%	76.4%	22.0%	78.0%	22.0%	78.0%
Race						
Black	45.2%	53.3%	46.5%	56.4%	47.8%	56.1%
White	45.2%	38.9%	44.5%	35.7%	43.4%	35.6%
Other	9.6%	7.8%	9.0%	7.9%	8.8%	8.4%
Age						
8-12	2.1%	2.1%	1.4%	2.0%	1.7%	1.8%
13	7.8%	5.9%	5.8%	4.6%	5.0%	4.8%
14	16.4%	12.1%	15.8%	12.0%	14.0%	10.8%
15	22.4%	21.5%	24.0%	21.1%	21.3%	20.8%
16	27.2%	26.5%	27.9%	27.8%	27.9%	27.9%
17	23.9%	31.5%	24.8%	32.2%	29.8%	33.4%
18-20	0.1%	0.4%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%
20+	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
Error/Missing	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	4,024	13,062	3,871	13,706	3,888	13,810

- Between FY 2005 and FY 2007:
 - Female placements decreased by 3% while male placements increased by 6%
 - Female placements each fiscal year were more equally divided between black and white while male placements were predominantly black.

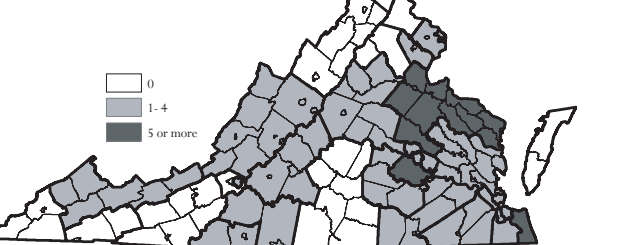
Committed Juveniles

RDC ADMISSIONS

Demographics	FY05		FY06		FY07	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Sex	9.9%	90.1%	9.1%	90.9%	9.2%	90.8%
Race						
Black	57.1%	67.6%	57.0%	69.0%	61.0%	66.4%
White	38.5%	25.8%	40.5%	24.1%	36.4%	25.8%
Other	4.4%	6.6%	2.5%	7.0%	2.6%	7.8%
Age						
8-12	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.4%
13	8.8%	1.9%	1.3%	2.0%	0.0%	1.5%
14	12.1%	7.6%	12.7%	7.2%	10.4%	6.5%
15	23.1%	17.7%	8.9%	20.1%	10.4%	18.1%
16	28.6%	27.1%	45.6%	30.4%	24.7%	29.2%
17	25.3%	37.3%	31.6%	33.8%	48.1%	36.5%
18-20	2.2%	8.1%	0.0%	6.1%	6.5%	7.9%
20+	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Error/Missing	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total	91	831	79	790	77	757

- Between FY 2005 and FY 2007:
 - Placements to a JCC for females decreased 15% while male placements decreased 9%.
 - For both females and males the majority of JCC placements each year were black.

FEMALE STATEWIDE COMMITMENTS, FY 2007



- In FY 2007:
 - 55% of female commitments and 48% of male commitments came from the Eastern Region.
 - Twenty-six CSUs had 10+ male commitments compared to only one CSU having 10+ female commitments.

POPULATION INFORMATION

- In FY 2007, 17% of females and 26% of males met the criteria for placement at Oak Ridge JCC (houses males age 11-20 with IQ Scores less than 78).
- In FY 2007, no females and 8% of males were identified as gang members and in FY 2006 there was one female (1%) and 3% of males.
- Upon JCC release in FY 2007, 18% of females were given a residential placement compared to 11% of male releases. (Placements to a halfway house are only possible for male releases).

Committed Juveniles (cont.)

COMMITMENT TYPE

	FY05		FY06		FY07	
	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males
Determinate	6.1%	13.8%	6.0%	13.5%	5.2%	14.1%
Indeterminate	93.9%	86.2%	94.0%	86.5%	94.8%	85.9%

- A higher percentage of males is determinately committed each year than females.
- No females were committed in FY 2006 or FY 2007 with a blended sentence (for males there were 24 in FY 2006 and 25 in FY 2007). In FY 2005, there were 3 females and 8 males with blended sentences.
- In FY 2007, 17% of male commitments were from circuit court compared to 8% of females'. Between FY 2005 and FY 2007, the percentage of male circuit court commitments increased 4% , while the percentage for females decreased 4%.

ADMISSIONS BY OFFENSE, FY 2007

Most Serious Offense	Determinate		Indeterminate	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
Offense Category				
Alcohol	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
Arson	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	1.2%
Assault	16.7%	13.3%	23.9%	14.3%
Burglary	0.0%	6.1%	4.2%	19.3%
Disorderly Conduct	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%
Escapes	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
Extortion	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.2%
Failure to Appear	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	0.5%
Fraud	0.0%	0.0%	7.0%	1.4%
Gangs	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%
Kidnapping	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%
Larceny	0.0%	4.1%	35.2%	21.1%
Missing Information	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Murder	16.7%	4.1%	0.0%	0.8%
Narcotics	16.7%	3.1%	7.0%	7.1%
Obstruction of Justice	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	1.1%
Probation/Parole Violation	0.0%	1.0%	11.3%	5.6%
Robbery	16.7%	51.0%	1.4%	12.4%
Sex Offense	0.0%	15.3%	1.4%	5.6%
Traffic	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.9%
Trespass	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%
Vandalism	0.0%	0.0%	1.4%	3.3%
Weapons	16.7%	0.0%	2.8%	2.7%
Offense Severity				
Felonies:				
Against Persons	66.7%	86.7%	22.5%	33.7%
Weapons/Narcotics	33.3%	5.1%	2.8%	7.1%
Other	0.0%	7.1%	43.7%	39.9%
Class 1 Misdemeanors:				
Against Persons	0.0%	0.0%	8.5%	6.5%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	11.3%	7.1%
Prob./Parole Violation	0.0%	0.0%	11.3%	5.6%
Court Violation	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Status Offenses	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Information Missing	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Admissions	6	98	71	659

- In both FY 2006 and FY 2007, larceny was the most common offense for indeterminately committed females and males. In FY 2005, it was second to assault for females and remained the most common for males.

- Since FY 2005, there have been so few determinately committed females making it inaccurate to present any comparisons regarding most common offense.

- Since FY 2005, the majority of both sexes had felonies as their most serious offense. However, during that same time frame, a higher percentage of indeterminately committed females had a misdemeanor as their most serious offense than did males.

Committed Juveniles (cont.)

With the primary function of orientation, evaluation, and classification of juveniles, services provided at RDC include academic, medical, psychological, behavioral, and sociological evaluation and classification to determine appropriate treatment needs, security requirements, institutional placements, and lengths of stay. Considering this, RDC plays a vital role in tracking juveniles through data. Juvenile Profiles, which provide a global picture of the juvenile and include education, mental health, physical, and social information, are developed at RDC and entered into DJJ's Juvenile Tracking System.

TREATMENT NEEDS*

	FY05		FY06		FY07	
	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males
Anger Management	89.0%	86.8%	88.6%	87.0%	87.0%	88.8%
Substance Abuse	53.8%	72.4%	62.0%	71.0%	46.8%	66.8%
Sex Offender	1.1%	10.8%	1.3%	9.6%	1.3%	9.1%

*Includes mandatory and recommended treatment needs

- *Between FY 2005 and FY 2007:*
 - The vast majority of both females and males had anger management treatment needs.
 - Males were more likely to have a substance abuse and sex offender treatment need than were females.

ADMISSIONS BY READING, WRITING, AND MATH GRADE LEVELS

	FY05		FY06		FY07	
	Females	Males	Females	Males	Females	Males
Reading	8.5	7.2	8.7	7.3	9.1	7.4
Writing	7.9	6.9	9.2	7.3	9.4	7.5
Math	7.5	7.0	6.7	7.1	7.5	7.0

- Females offenders consistently test at higher reading and writing levels than the males and two of the three years also show females testing higher at math.

LIVING SITUATIONS

	FY05		FY06		FY07	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Parental Criminal Activity	54.9%	56.2%	57.0%	59.2%	67.5%	59.8%
Single Parent Home	27.5%	44.3%	24.1%	43.0%	19.5%	48.6%

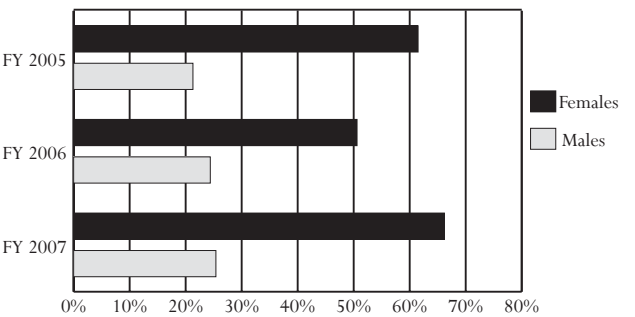
- Over half of females and males had parents involved in criminal activities during each fiscal year reported.
- The percentage of females from a single parent home is consistently lower than the males - with females ranging from 20-28% and males from 43-49%.

OTHER FACTS TO NOTE BETWEEN FY 2005 AND 2007:

- Approximately 5% of females were preganant at the time of admission to RDC during FY2005 and FY 2006. In FY 2007, 1% was pregnant.
- Between 6-11% of females already had children at the time of their admission to RDC compared to a consistent 11% of males.

Committed Juveniles (cont.)

HISTORY OF ABUSE*

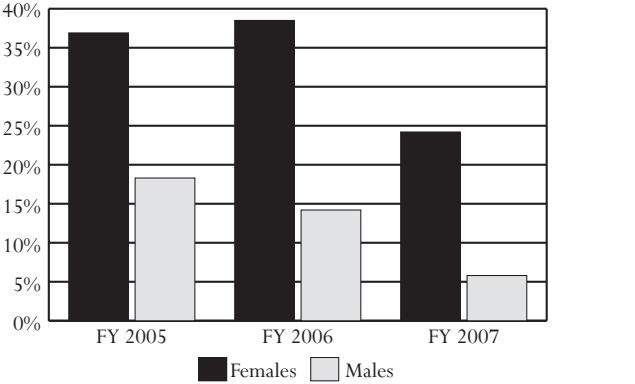


*Includes physical abuse by parents and family/trusted adults as well as sexual abuse by parents, family/ trusted adults, and others

- Between FY 2005 and FY 2007, females were considerably more likely to be admitted to RDC with a history of sexual or physical abuse than were the males.

Information on Serious Incidents is collected from all JCCs and captures data on a variety of institutional events including assaults, fights, serious injuries/ illnesses, and self-injurious behavior (SIB). SIB is considered to be any incident where a juvenile intentionally harms herself/himself (ex: cutting).

SERIOUS INCIDENT REPORTS INVOLVING SIB



- *Between FY 2005 and FY 2007:*
 - SIB related SIRs have decreased 13% for both sexes.
 - A consistently higher percentage of SIB related SIRs involve females than males.

Recidivism for FY 2006 Releases

DJJ's official definition of recidivism is reconviction. This rate is preferred because it considers the final adjudication of guilt, rather than the level of arrest activity. Only offenses for which there has been a clear final disposition of guilt are counted as reconvictions.

- Males had higher reconviction rates than females at 12-months for both JCC Releases and Probation Placements.
 - JCC Releases: 13% of females and 33% males were reconvicted
 - Probation Placements: 16% of females and 29% males were reconvicted